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3. AS PERMITTED BY ARTICLES IN THE GENEVA CONVENT ON (8ND SNT), CERTAIN BAY-AND RIVER-CLOSING LINES HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO ENCLOSE THE INTERNAL WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. THESE LINES MEASURE LESS THAN 24 NAUTICAL MILES, THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED IN CONVENTION. TWO AREAS OF HISTORIC WATERS-LONG ISLAND SOUND AND SANTA MONICA BAY--HAVE ALSO BEEN INCLUDED WITHIN INTERNAL WATERS BY

BASELINES.

4. ALTHOUGH PERMITTED IN CONVENTION AND SNT, UNITED

STATES HAS NOT TO DATE DRAWN STRAIGHT BASELINES ALONG
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5. UNITED STATES BASELINE AND THE LIMITS OF ITS THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND NINE-MILE CONTIGUOUS ZONE DEPICTED UN SERIES OF 155 CHARTS COVERING UNITED STATES AND APPROXIMATELY 10 ADDITIONAL CHARTS FOR GUAM, VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO. LATTER CHARTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED. WORK WILL PRESUMABLY CONTINUE FOR OTHER TERRITORIES, E.G., AMERICAN SAMOA, MICRONESIA, ETC., IN THE FUTURE. 6. OFFICIAL BASELINES DEPICTED ON NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS DRAWN ON MARCATOR PROJECTION. MARCATOR CHARTS HAVE INHERENT PROBLEMS OF ERROR OVER LONG DISTANCES DUE TO MATHEMATICS OF PROJECTION. ULTIMATE OUTER LIMITS OF ECONOMIC ZONE WILL, AS A RESULT, BE DERIVED BY COMPUTERS TO INSURE LIMITS EXTEND PRECISELY 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM SALIENT POINTS ON THE NATIONAL BASELINE. 7. WITH REGARD TO ARCHIPELAGOS, US DOES NOT RPT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ARCHIPELAGO CLAIMS AT THIS TIME. LOS SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT INCLUDES ARTICLES ON ARCHIPELAGOS , ALONG WITH PRECISE RULES FOR SETTING ARCHIPELAGIC BASE-LINES. 8. WITH REGARD TO ISLANDS, USDEL POSITION IS THAT THEIR ECONOMIC ZONES SHOULD BE MEASURED FROM A BASELINE DETERMINED BY THE SAME CRITERIA AS THE BASELINES OF THE AS YET UNRESOLVED ARE THE PRECISE TECHNICAL MAINLAND. CRITERIA THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO ISLANDS AND ISLAND GROUPS REGARDING THEIR ABILITY TO CAST AN ECONOMIC ZONE AND THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN ATTACHED THERETO. IT ISHOPED THAT THESE MATTERS WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED IN THE FINALIZED LOS TREATY.